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1. [] the headquarters of KVP Division Prenzlau and the units directly assigned to it had the following ration strengths on the days mentioned:

	19 February		27 February		8 March		19 March	
	Offi- cers	NCOs and EM	Offi- cers	NCOs and EM	Offi- cers	NCOs and EM	Offi- cers	NCOs and EM
headquarters	103	38	88	38	86	37	87	36
headquarters company	3	64	3	64	3	63	3	52
motor pool	8	80	9	73	8	69	7	71
motor vehicle repair shop	8	46	8	46	8	45	8	46
signal battalion								
motorcycle battalion								
sound and flash ranging platoon	76	644	75	648	72	597	71	561
bakery company								
chemical defense platoon								
driving school								
hospital		69		75		95	1	95
Soviet advisers	12				12		12	
1st inf regiment		1800						1475
2nd inf regiment		1457	1482		1500			1541
3rd inf regiment		1428						1425
artillery regiment		1131						1130
tank regiment		481						477

25X1 2. [] the component units of the 2d inf regiment (Muentzer) had the following strengths:

	19 February		27 February		8 March		19 March	
	Offi- cers	NCOs and EM	Offi- cers	NCOs and EM	Offi- cers	NCOs and EM	Offi- cers	NCOs and EM
headquarters	40	12	38	11	38	12	38	12
regimental school	11	126	9	125	8	96	9	98
1st battalion	34	246	34	243	34	255	34	252
2nd battalion	44	228	44	250	42	290	43	317

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	19 February Offi- NCOs and cers EM		27 February Offi- NCOs and cers EM		8 March Offi- NCOs and cers EM		19 March Offi- NCOs and cers EM	
3rd battalion	37	251	36	251	37	258	38	256
reconnaissance company	5	22	5	24	5	19	5	20
signal company	5	39	5	39	5	38	5	35
engineering company	5	43	5	45	5	45	5	45
AT company	6	41	6	42	6	42	6	42
AAA company		23		23		22		22
mortar company	4	36	4	36	4	37	4	38
SP company	4	17	4	17	4	18	5	20
motor transport company	10	64	10	59	10	58	10	63
headquarters platoon		7		8		7		8
artillery staff	4	22	5	22	5	24	5	25
chemical defense platoon		1		1				
supply platoon		34		35		36		35
military band	1	10	1	10	1	10	1	10
dispensary		19		25		14		15
in prison		6		10		16		20

3. On 20 February 1954, the best EM and NCOs of the 2d infantry regiment were awarded book prizes. Subsequently discussions were held designed to induce those whose three-year term of service terminated in late 1954 to re-enlist for another three years. Between early January and early March 1954, 70 new recruits arrived at the 2d infantry regiment; most of these recruits came from Thuringia. The regiment was assigned a quota of 300 men to be newly recruited.
4. On 2 and 3 March 1954, a field exercise was held by the 2d infantry regiment about 15 km west of Frenzlau in Zwerwelin Forst. About 1,200 men and all the vehicles and artillery pieces of the regiment took part. The infantry units marched to the training area via Schoenermark and Arendsee. The objective of the exercise was to train the regiment for defense and attack operations. Similar field exercises were held by the 1st and 3rd infantry regiments. Between 8 and 11 March 1954, a sand-table exercise was held for officers of the division headquarters, allegedly in preparation for an expected exercise at division level. Between 24 and 27 March, such sand-table exercises were scheduled to be held by all the three infantry regiments of the division. On 23 March, the 2d infantry regiment began advanced combat practice firing with all weapons in the Jaegerbrueck area. ²
5. In mid-March 1954, the motorcycle company of the 2d infantry regiment received 37 new Soviet model M-72 sidecar motorcycles. ³
6. During the reported period, the morale of the KVP soldiers was rather poor. In particular, the shortage of fuel and the reduction of the daily potato rations from 1,000 to 500 grams per capita had a detrimental effect on the mood of the soldiers.

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Comment. Information that the Soviets delivered a large number of new trucks and sidecar motorcycles to the KVP in the last half year was transmitted previously.

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